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1. MINISTER OF COURT ALAM AGAIN RETAILED TO ME MORNING OF FEBRUARY 14 MESSAGE FROM SHAH ABOUT MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO MOROCCO. APPARENTLY SHAH HAS IMPRESSION DEPARTMENT HAS SAID PUBLICLY, "U.S.G. WILL HELP MOROCCO MILITARILY." IF THIS IS SO, SAYS SHAH, WHY DOES NOT THE U.S.G. GIVE WEAPONS DIRECTLY FROM ITS SUPPLIES TO MOROCCO? IT IS HIS VIEW THAT THE FATE OF MOROCCO IS OF EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANCE TO UNITED STATES THAN TO IRAN, GIVEN ITS PROXIMITY TO ATLANTIC OCEAN.
 2. KING HUSSEIN IS EXPECTED TO VISIT HERE AFTER HIS STOP IN SAUDI ARABIA FOR TALKS WITH SHAH ON THIS WEAPONS PROBLEM AMONG OTHER THINGS.
 3. HOWEVER WEAPONS DEAL WORKS OUT, SHAH INTENDS TO GET REPAYMENT FROM KING HASSAN FOR ANY ARMS PROVIDED "ONE WAY OR ANOTHER."
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